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BOOTLEGGERS GUILTY OF VIOLATING PROBATION

Flagstaff, Ariz. –The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on July 12, 2004, Louise Benally, DOB 5/10/1960, and Nadine June, DOB 4/23/1951, both of Tuba City, Ariz., were found to have violated the terms of their probation and were ordered to serve time in prison. The women had previously been arrested during a bootlegging operation on the Navajo reservation in 2003. They plead guilty in September 2003 and each was sentenced to one year probation and 100 hours of community service. The terms and conditions of their probation included attendance at alcohol treatment and counseling sessions. Neither woman appeared for counseling as ordered.

In today's court appearance, both women's probation was terminated by U.S. Magistrate Judge Stephen Verkamp in Flagstaff, Ariz. Additionally, Judge Verkamp sentenced Benally to six months incarceration and June to four months incarceration.

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The probation violation investigation in this case was conducted by the U.S. Probation Office. The original prosecution was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Navajo Department of Public Safety.

The prosecution was handled by Mark E. Aspey, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Flagstaff, Ariz.

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